Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : The Protestants who do not belong to any community can themselves marry without this law. There is no difficulty. This is only a permissive measure. You are confusing both the two. The mere fact that there is a Christian Civil Marriage Act does not prevent them from marrying according to their customs.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Should there not be a canon law? There is no canon law for them. As long as there is a legislation to this effect they must obey it.

Deputy President: Why?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : Will you kindly read that provision in the Christian Civil Marriage Act?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know, Sir, whether these people can take recourse to Civil Marriage Act prevailing here so that they can make their marriages legal?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : The Statement of the Hon'ble Law Member was that Civil Marriage Act of 1110 applies only to the marriage of people belonging to diverse communities. Then that Act may be amended like that.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)* : If the Protestant is considered to be a Christian in terms of the definition of "Christian" given in the Act he can come under this Act.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : They are not willing to come under this Act.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)* : Then they need not.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : The Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi is of opinion that a devout Christian will not go to a Marriage Registrar belonging to any other caste. What is the difference between a Hindu Marriage Registrar and a Christian Marriage Registrar. Suppose Mr. Sivarama Menon and Mr. C. J. Mathew are appointed Marriage Registrars.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : I will certainly go to Mr. Mathew.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : I will be ashamed to go to Mr. Mathew. I will go to Mr. Sivarama Menon.

Deputy President: You are far away from the subject.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : The Law Member himself said that it does not apply to British Indian States. Then it will be beneficial only to a very few Cochinites alone.

Deputy President: What is your position?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : There is no necessity for this Act.

Deputy President: Is it your case that the Christian Civil Marriage Act is a duplication now?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : It is unnecessary.

Deputy President: They have anwered that point.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : The Civil Marriage Act was passed by this House. If there was any duplication the House would have considered it.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)* : I may inform the Hon'ble House that these two pieces of legislation in their present form have been adopted in British India today. There, there is a Special Marriage Act of 1872 and the Christian Civil Marriage Act of 1872. Both these legislations are based upon them.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Sir, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the Bill.

Motion that the member be allowed to withdraw the Bill put and carried.

THE COCHIN CHRISTIAN SUCCESSION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Sir, in view of Mr. Moothedan's statement that he wishes to have further discussions regarding his Bill with the Hon'ble Members for Trichur and Irinjalakkuda, I also wish to have further discussions on my Bill with the other Christian leaders. So I do not propose to move the Bill now.

THE COCHIN AGRICULTURISTS DEBTORS PROTECTION BILL

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Sir, I do not propose to move the Cochin Agriculturists Debtors Protection Bill now.

THE COCHIN SPECIFIC RELIEF ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)* : Sir, I move for leave to introduce the Cochin Specific Relief Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : I second it.

Motion put and carried

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